## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, joint inventors of the invention entitled "SYSTEM FOR ONLINE CREATION, PLAYING AND ADMINISTERING OF USER DEFINED PUZZLES" described and claimed in the attached specification.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, in the above-referenced application, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Declaration.

We acknowledge our duty pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability of this application.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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